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May 17, 1999

Dear Xxxxx:

This letter is in response to your letter dated May 4, 1999. The nature of your letter and the information you have provided require that we respond with a General Information Letter, which is designed to provide general information, is not a statement of Department policy and is not binding on the Department. See 2 Ill. Adm. Code 1200.120(b) and (c), enclosed.

In your letter, you have stated and made inquiry as follows:

As we are organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes, and recognized as such by the Illinois Department of Revenue; we are concerned with the rejection we experienced in our contact with COMPANY of CITY, Illinois.

We have been informed by PERSON, General Manager of COMPANY, that our tax-exempt status will not be recognized.

Please advise us as to what actions may be taken. Additionally, please provide us with any and all related documentation.

Thank you for your time and efforts in this matter.

If you have further questions, please call me at #####.

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The organization must obtain and present their E number to retailers, however, before it can make a tax-free purchase. Suppliers selling tangible personal property to such exempt organizations must retain the E number in order to document the exempt sale. Whether a retailer chooses to accept an E number is a private matter between the retailer and the organization.

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I hope this information is helpful. The Department of Revenue maintains a Web site, which can be accessed at [www.revenue.state.il.us](http://www.revenue.state.il.us). If you have further questions related to the Illinois sales tax laws, please contact the Department's Taxpayer Information Division at (217) 782-3336.

If you are not under audit and you wish to obtain a binding Private Letter Ruling regarding your factual situation, please submit all of the information set out in items 1 through 8 of the enclosed copy of Section 1200.110(b).

Very truly yours,

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